

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for diagnosing risk of spontaneous abortion, comprising
_____ providing contact between a sample of body fluid and an antigen capable of binding to an antibody to platelet activating factor (PAF), and assessing the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF ~~and/of~~ and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in the sample of body fluid-; and
_____ evaluating said presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in said sample of body fluid as an indicator of risk of spontaneous abortion.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF by immunoassay.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to

PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF by an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF by radioimmunoassay.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in serum prepared from a blood sample.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in plasma prepared from a blood sample.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said sample of body fluid is a human blood sample or fraction thereof, and the measuring of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is by immunoassay.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is phosphocholine.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is phosphorylcholine.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is lysophosphatidylcholine.

Claims 12-23 (Cancelled):